

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ALBANY DIVISION**

ARTHUR BISHOP,	:	
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Petitioner	:	
	:	1:06-CV-11(WLS)
vs.	:	
	:	
STATE OF GEORGIA,	:	
CALHOUN STATE PRISON,	:	PROCEEDINGS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2254
	:	<u>BEFORE THE U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE</u>
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Respondents	:	

ORDER

Petitioner **ARTHUR BISHOP** filed in this Court the above-captioned habeas corpus proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner challenges his 2001 convictions in the Superior Courts of Dodge County and Laurens County, Georgia. Both Dodge County and Laurens County are located in the Southern District of Georgia.

While 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d) permits a state prisoner's habeas petition to be filed in the district within which the prisoner is confined, and further permits discretionary transfer by the court from one such district to the other, it is the long-standing policy and practice of the United States District Courts for the Middle, Northern, and Southern Districts of Georgia to cause all such petitions to be filed in or transferred to the district within which the state prisoner was convicted.

Adherence to this practice and policy results in each district court considering habeas matters coming only from state courts within its jurisdiction and in an equitable distribution of habeas cases between the districts of this state.

Consistent with this policy and practice, the subject state prisoner habeas corpus petition is hereby transferred to the Southern District of Georgia, along with all orders, motions, affidavits, pleadings and exhibits (if any) filed herein for further proceedings under § 2254.

SO ORDERED, this 9th day of February, 2006.

/s/ Richard L. Hodge
RICHARD L. HODGE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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